



ST TERESA OF AVILA

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Get to know OUR WEEKEND ASSISTANTS!



FR BILL McDONALD

Fr Bill McDonald is a priest of the Diocese of Stockton, California who was ordained in 1989. He has served in different capacities in his diocese, though he most enjoyed the opportunity he had to serve as pastor in two different parishes. He speaks Spanish and also feels blessed to have had the opportunity to minister for a time in the country of Costa Rica. He is currently on loan from his diocese to serve in Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, where he serves as Associate Spiritual Director and professor of Homiletics.



FR CHRISTOPHER M CICCARINO

Fr Christopher M Ciccarino grew up in Scotch Plains, New Jersey, and is the youngest of five sons of the late Frank and Judy Ciccarino. He attended Bucknell University, majoring in history and religion. Entering seminary, he was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark on May 25, 1996. After administrative work in the diocese, Fr Chris became a parochial vicar at St Michael's in Union, New Jersey. He then began graduate studies, completing a licentiate at the Pontifical Biblical Institute and doctorate at the Pontifical Gregorian University. Since then he teaches at Immaculate Conception Seminary.



FR LINH HOANG OFM, PH D

Linh Hoang OFM, Ph D is currently an Associate Professor and Chair of the Religious Studies Department at Siena College. He is also a priest of the Holy Name of Jesus Province of Franciscans in New York. He has published articles and book chapters in the areas of American Catholicism, Asian-American History and Culture, Religion, Migration, Historical Theology, and inter-generational religious practices. His book *Rebuilding Religious Experience* was published in 2007. He is currently a consultant for the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.



FR GABRIEL J CURTIS

Fr Gabriel was born and raised in Managua, Nicaragua. He began his university studies at the Universidad Católica "Redemptoris Mater" in his home city, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy with Education Studies, and a Master of Arts in Humanities. He also achieved Vocal and Opera Studies at UPOLI's Conservatory of Music. While working as a singer he performed roles in operas such as *Tosca*, *La Boheme*, and the zarzuela *La Gran Via*. At Immaculate Conception Seminary – School of Theology, he earned a Master of Divinity degree and a Master of Arts in Church History. During formation at the seminary he served at St. Peter's Church in River Edge and St Joseph the Carpenter in Roselle and as Deacon in Our Lady of Mt Virgin in Garfield. In addition he completed a summer formation program at St Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Paterson and a Spirituality Program at Creighton University, Omaha. He was ordained priest on May 28, 2016. Fr Gabo enjoys music and the arts, especially opera, sports, and learning new languages.



MSGR JOSEPH R REILLY, STL, PH D

A native of Mountainside, Msgr Reilly was ordained a priest in May of 1991. After serving in parish ministry and at the Archdiocese, Msgr Reilly has been working most of his priesthood in education and priestly formation. He served as teacher and chaplain at Seton Hall Prep from 1995 to 2002, when he was named the rector of the College Seminary at Seton Hall University. After ten years working with undergraduates discerning a call to the priesthood, in June of 2012 he was appointed rector of Immaculate Conception Seminary and dean of the School of Theology at Seton Hall University. Not having a parish of his own, Msgr Reilly feels blessed to be at Saint Teresa of Avila parish to celebrate the Eucharist with the community here and to grow together in the love of Jesus and of His Church.



REV ROBERTO ORTIZ, STL

Rev Roberto Ortiz is from Jersey City, NJ. Archbishop John Joseph Myers ordained him a priest for service in the Archdiocese of Newark on May 23, 2009. Father Ortiz earned a BA in Catholic Studies from Seton Hall University in 2005. He earned his Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Gregorian University in 2010, specializing in Dogmatic (Systematic) Theology. His first parish assignment was as a parochial vicar at St Elizabeth Parish in Wyckoff from 2010 to 2012. In September 2012, he was appointed to the formation faculty at Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology as a mentor. He also teaches as an adjunct professor of Systematic Theology at ICSST. In Spring 2013, Father Ortiz was appointed Director, Seminary Records and in Summer 2014, he was appointed Director of Liturgy.



FR AMILCAR BENITO PRADO

Fr Benny is originally from Nicaragua and this past September marked his 30th year since the day he arrived to this country as a teenager. Fr Benny spent the beginning chapters of his new American life in the Bronx. He attended college at St John's University in Jamaica, Queens, earning a BA in Philosophy and Theology. Following, he entered Immaculate Conception Seminary and was ordained a priest on May 29, 2004. He earned a M Div and MA in Theology. Previous assignments include the Parish of the Resurrection in Jersey City, Ss Peter and Paul in Hoboken, and the Church of the Presentation in Upper Saddle River. He currently serves as the Administrator of St Teresa of Calcutta in Montclair.



FR GREGORY SALOMONE, OP

Born and raised in Metuchen, Fr Gregory is a Friar of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) in the Province of St Joseph. He previously served as pastor of St Dominic's Parish in Washington, DC and Pastor of St Thomas Aquinas University Parish in Charlottesville, Va, the University Parish for the University of Virginia. Fr Gregory has also taught at St Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia following his assignment as Promoter of Vocations for the Dominican province to which he belongs. Presently, he serves as a Chaplain at the Rosary Shrine here in Summit.

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MASS INTENTIONS

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 18 St ROSE PHILIPPINE

8:30 am † Memorial Mass
5:30 pm † Philip Doyle

Sunday, November 19 33 Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am † Anna Castellani
9:00 am † Basilone & Paradise Families
9:30 am † People of the Parish
10:30 am † Picozzi Family
12:00 pm † Amelia & Fred Puorro
1:30 pm † Elena de Molina
5:30 pm † James Gilmartin

Monday, November 20

7:00 am † Helene Sinclair
8:30 am † Mass of Thanksgiving from the Gilroy Family for Blessings Received

Tuesday, November 21

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:00 am † Rita Ann & Thomas Danek
8:30 am † Florence I Brody

Wednesday, November 22 St CECILIA

7:00 am † Frank Formichella
8:30 am † Joseph O'Cello

Thursday, November 23 THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00 am † Reilly, Crowe and Dugan Families

Friday, November 24 St ANDRE DUNG-LAC

8:30 am † William & Janet Prendegast

Saturday, November 25

St CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

8:30 am † Memorial Mass
5:30 pm † Philip Doyle

Sunday, November 26 34 Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

7:30 am † Luciano Pietrantuono
9:00 am † Benny Patuto
9:30 am † Florence Hartonowics
10:30 am † Picozzi Family
12:00 pm † Israel Ramirez
1:30 pm † People of the Parish
5:30 pm † Pfc Paul Balint & George & Mary Balint

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Memorial Mass) 8:30 AM
5:30 PM
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Sunday 7:30 AM
9:00 AM
9:30 AM
10:30 AM
12:00 PM
(Spanish) 1:30 PM
5:30 PM
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DAILY LITURGIES

Monday ▶ Friday 7:00 AM • 8:30 AM
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HOLY DAYS

7:00 AM • 8:30 AM • 12:10 PM • 7:00 PM
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday ▶ Friday 9:00 AM-4:30 PM
(Office Closed for Lunch 1:30-2:30 pm)

PREPARING AND RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays

4-5 pm

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Please Contact Lucy at Lucy@stteresachurch.org

ADULTS INITIATION (RCIA)

is a process for Catholics who haven't received all their sacraments to do so, or for non-catholics who wish to become Catholic. Please call the Rectory 908.277.3700 for more Information.

MINISTRY FOR THE SICK

Please notify the Rectory when a member of the Parish is in the hospital or if someone is unable to attend Church and wishes to receive Holy Communion.

MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made ideally one year in advance of the marriage date. Contact Angela Intili (908) 273-6975 x216

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Women and men who feel called to the Religious Life, and men called to Holy Orders, should contact the Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall. Matthew Higgins at matthew.higgins@shu.edu or at 973-313-6190.

DEVOTIONS

- ▶ **Holy Hour** is the 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 pm
- ▶ **Rosary Recitation** after 8:30 am Weekday Mass
- ▶ **Novena to the Miraculous Medal of our Blessed Mother Mary** every Monday following the 8:30am Mass.

EUCARISTÍA

Cada domingo a la una y media de la tarde.

BAUTISMO

Padres quienes quisieran bautizar a sus hijos tienen que llamar a Lucy Diaz (908-277-3700) para más información y para inscribirse.

PRIMERA COMUNIÓN/CONFIRMACIÓN

Para los niños tienen que in-scribirse en el programa de educación religiosa. Llame a Karen Cocco a la oficina de educación religiosa, Lunes a Miércoles en- tre las horas 9 en la mañana a 1 de la tarde, para más información (908-273-6975 ext. 204).

EL MATRIMONIO

Para más información por favor de contactar a Angela Intili a (908) 273-6975 x 216

SACRAMENTO DE LA UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS:

Si usted o un miembro de su familia está en el hospital, o en casa, enfermo o incapacitado, y quiere recibir el Sacramento de Sanación favor de llamar la rectoría (908-277-3700) para el sacerdote.

EL RITO INICIAL CRISTIANO PARA ADULTOS:

Si tienes más de 18 años de edad y quisieras recibir uno de los Sacramen- tos Iniciales; el Bautismo, la Confirmación, o la Primera Co- munió; o si deseas convertirte a la fe católica, por favor lla- mar a la rectoría para más información del programa de RICA. Ritos Iniciales Cristianos para Adultos.

Dear Parishioners -

On Sunday, November 19, Pope Francis has asked the Church worldwide to mark the first observance of a World Day of the Poor.

The purpose of this observance is to appeal to the consciences of all believers and sensitize us to the cries of the poor and the suffering. While I am so proud of all the ministries that we manage here in our parish to address these needs, there is always more that we can do.

Please visit the website www.pcpne.va prepared by the Vatican as you will find some ideas of things to do and ways to pray for this important initiative that seeks to bring Christ's message of love and mercy to all.

Clearly, if you have any specific ideas in this regard, do not hesitate to reach out to me or a member of our parish staff.



Many blessings!

Fr Bob

SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the St Teresa Cocktail party. It was a huge success and congratulations to all our winners! A big thank you goes out to our Co-Presidents, Kathleen Walsh and Lisa Hatch along with the other members of our PTO. Your hard work and dedication to our school is so appreciated by each and everyone of us. We are lucky to have parents like you and that's one of the reasons St Teresa's is such a special place!

As we head into our week for Thanksgiving, our children will be having special Thanksgiving feasts of their own. Our hallways are decorated with big turkeys that have feathers indicating what the children are thankful for and why God is important to them.

Thank you to all the families that donated food to our Thanksgiving food drive. We appreciate your generosity.

If you missed our Open House, please call 908-277-6043 to schedule a tour of our school.

"To Everything there is a Season, and a Time for Every Purpose Under Heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:11

"A TIME TO BE HEALED"

Parish sick: Rose Bariexca, Lucy Bustillos, Angela Coiro, Joseph Cunningham, Diana Damelio, Brendan Duane, Carol Filbernegel, Jeanne Flynn, George C. Gross, Carolyn and David Harvis, Thomas Intilli, Jr., Judy Koziattek, Ryan LaPoff, Jinovan Longa, Cosimo Mammone, Ellen Marlowe, Vincent Marotta, Art McCann, Brenda Nobil, Mary O'Cello, Fr. Brian G. Plate, Ally Riedling, Jane Sauchelli, Beriecia Walters, William Witfield, Ralph Agostinelli, Mary Quigley, Charlie Close, Claudia Branco

"A TIME TO MOURN"

Recently Deceased: Edmond Gosda

"A TIME FOR JOY"

Recently Baptized: Thomas Rutherford Devens, Aurora Elaine Faulks, Hana Lee Grillo, Luke Michael McAneny, Jonathan Michael Natale, Cameron James Roselle, Hunter Matthew Sager, Andrew Thomas Schroeder.

"A TIME TO LOVE"

Recently Married: Kevin VanDemark & Nathalie Caparo
Akil Matthews & Crystal Cranmore

Can You Help?

Since my arrival, I have been touched with the many offers of help and the promise of so much talent in the pews. I am convinced that we are a powerhouse parish of potential!

As I continue to get my arms around what we have and what we need, from time to time I will post this column, entitled How You Can Help. I hope that you will seriously consider assisting me and our parish in the specific ways that will be featured in this column. I am grateful for your consideration

This week, I am seeking men and women to serve on our parish BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS committee.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Purpose - The Buildings and Grounds Committee advises the Pastor on all activities associated with the operation, maintenance, safety and security of all buildings, grounds, furnishings and equipment owned by the Church, at all of its venues, including the Church, Cemetery, Masoleum, and School.

RESPONSIBILITIES -

1. Preparing an annual Building and Grounds Committee budget for submittal to the Finance Council.
2. Reviewing requests regarding buildings, grounds, furnishings and equipment owned by the parish and determine, what, if any action should be taken. If work is to be done, assist the Pastor and appropriate staff person in guiding as to carrying out such work.
3. Collecting, reviewing, and analyzing all contracts and agreements from vendors regarding any and all work on parish buildings and grounds, and make recommendation to the Pastor for action.
4. Maintaining an inventory of all furniture, fixtures and equipment.
5. Performing a detailed quarterly inspection of the buildings, grounds, furnishings, and equipment of the Church and determine if any action is to be taken.
6. Staying informed of and complying with all code and OSHA requirements.
7. Reviewing, recommending and approving the decorating, painting, structural changes or remodeling of any of the parish facilities.
8. Host an "All Church Work Day" as needs require.
9. Meet monthly and report progress to Pastor.
10. Ad hoc projects

Can you help us? Please send along a note of your interest, highlighting your experience and expertise in the areas necessary to make this committee successful.

Thank you. - Fr Bob

This Week at a Glance

Sunday, November 19

- Religious Education Grades 1-5 8:45 am **School**
- Stay and Pray 8:45 am **Avila Room**
- Choristers 12-1:00pm **School**
- Spanish Parish Baptisms 2:30-3pm **Main Church**

Monday, November 20

- Religious Education Grades 1-5 3:45pm-5:35pm **School**
- Boy Scouts 7:30-9:30 pm **Lower Memorial Hall**
- Legion of Mary 7:00 pm **St John Cross Room**

Tuesday, November 21

- Thanksgiving Feast 8:30am-12pm **Avila Room**
- Tuesday Morning Scripture Sharing 9:30 am **St John Cross Room**
- Prayer Shawl 1:00-3:00pm **St John Cross Room**
- Religious Education 3:45-11:45 am **School & Avila Room**

Thursday, November 23

- Happy Thanksgiving!
- Rectory Office **CLOSED**

Friday, November 24

- Rectory Office **CLOSED**

Saturday, November 25

- Parish Baptisms 11:00am-12:00pm **Main Church**
- Spanish Prayer Group 6:30-7pm **Upper Memorial Hall**

Sunday, November 26

- **NO Religious Education Classes**



Sunday Reflection

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“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.” -Matthew 25:21

God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

Parish Ministries

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of Saint Teresa's Church creates shawls and lap blankets for parishioners and friends who are coping with illness, loneliness or pain. All shawls and lap blankets are completed with compassion and prayerfulness and blessed by a priest in our parish. We meet monthly on the third Tuesday of every month and our next meeting is on Tuesday, November 21 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the St John of the Cross room (back of Upper Memorial Hall). **Please contact Delma Puttress (908 464-5082) to request a shawl or to join our ministry.**

LOAVES AND FISHES Calling all volunteers! Want to lend a helping hand but cannot commit to a regular schedule? Are you a high school student looking for service hours? Or do you just want to know how to help? We have a solution for you! Simply provide us with your email address and we will contact you whenever volunteer opportunities arise within the parish! **For more information, please email Gery at gsmrun86@aol.com.**

WHY WHAT WE DO IS IMPORTANT: A SESSION FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

PRESENTED BY FATHER BOB MEYER

This enriching discussion is geared toward all lectors, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, sacristans and music ministers who serve at Saint Teresa.

Save the date for December 9 at 10:00 am. More information to follow!

THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO AT SAINT TERESA.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURY

WEEKLY BUDGETED AMOUNT	\$25,500	BUDGETED YEAR TO DATE	\$510,000
COLLECTED LAST WEEKEND	\$24,078	COLLECTED YEAR TO DATE	\$361,999
		SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(\$ 148,001)

If you are away a weekend or two and can make up for contributions you did not make, it would be very helpful. **Please check the online giving options on our website. st-teresa.org.** You can use a credit card or a charge to your bank account to make contributions. Thank you.

Novena & Holy Hour Monday, November 27 at 7:00 PM



JOIN IN PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Recitation of the Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal followed by the Rosary, an Enrollment Ceremony to the Miraculous Medal where everyone will receive a blessed Miraculous Medal and concluding with Benediction.

ALL ARE WELCOME! The Holy Mother appeared to Saint Catherine Laboure on November 27, 1830. The Holy Mother asked St Catherine to make a medal; she did so and it was freely circulated; within a short period of time was worn by millions. In its wake followed innumerable wonders. Health was restored, sickness banished; bad habits broken, special graces given; dangers averted, blessings bestowed – the little medal is known as the Miraculous Medal!

Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Queridos feligreses:

El domingo 19 de noviembre, el Papa Francisco pidió a la Iglesia en todo el mundo que celebrara la primera celebración de un Día Mundial de los Pobres.

El propósito de esta observancia es apelar a las conciencias de todos los creyentes y nos sensibilizan a los gritos de los pobres y los que sufren. Aunque estoy muy orgulloso de todos los ministerios que manejamos aquí en nuestra parroquia para abordar estas necesidades, siempre hay más que podemos hacer.


Visite el sitio web www.pcpne.va - preparado por el Vaticano, ya que encontrará algunas ideas de cosas que hacer y formas de orar por esta importante iniciativa que busca llevar el mensaje de amor y misericordia de Cristo a todos.

Claramente, si tiene alguna idea específica al respecto, no dude en comunicarse conmigo o con un miembro del personal de nuestra parroquia.

¡Muchas bendiciones! -P Bob



NO HAY OTRO MOMENTO
EN EL QUE TE PAREZCAS
MÁS A JESÚS
QUE CUANDO ESTÁS
SIRVIENDO



Feliz día
de acción
de gracias!



MINISTERIOS DE NUESTRA PARROQUIA

EL CORO: De la misa en español esta solicitando la colaboración de personas mayores de 14 años para acompañar la misa de 1:30 los domingos. El horario es flexible y participación puede ser intermitente. Interesados comunicarse al 908-258-4350

CLASES BAUTISMALES: Los programas efectivos de preparación para el bautismo ofrecen a los padres una oportunidad para continuar su formación en la fe católica e incluye una catequesis más desarrollada sobre el sacramento del bautismo y sobre las enseñanzas de la Iglesia con respecto al matrimonio y la vida en familia. La preparación es una oportunidad para llevarlos a una unión más íntima con Cristo y la Iglesia. Para mayor información contactar a José Ramírez Tel 908-477-6848

LEGIÓN DE MARÍA: Se darán los lunes en el Salón de Juan de la Cruz de 7:30-9:30pm. También tendrán a su disposición la Imagen de la Virgen para que visite semanalmente nuestros hogares. Infórmese con Maria Cecelia Fernandez a 908-590-6099 o inscribirse en el libro que ésta disponible después de cada Eucaristía. Todos quedan invitados. También, si usted o algunos de los suyos tuviera una, situación especial, emergencia, necesidad etc., no deje de llamarnos y la Legión de María le visitara.

GRUPO DE ORACION: El grupo de oración de nuestra comunidad les invita a unirse con ellos los sábados a las 7pm en el Memorial Hall. Para más información, contactar a Marcos Vásquez al 908 273 9285

MINISTROS DE LA PALABRA Y EUCHARISTIA: Los que desean servirle al Señor en como ministros de la Palabra (lector) o de la Eucaristía (Comunión) favor de hablar con la Sra. Fanny Vásquez: 908 273 9285.

MONAGUILLOS/AS: Niños y niñas de 3er grado en adelante, que desean servir en la misa, favor de hablar con Patricia Chacón al tel. 973- 738-2702y/o al correo electrónico patriciamchacon@hotmail.com.

RESPECT LIFE CORNER



**2017-2018 RESPECT LIFE THEME,
"BE NOT AFRAID,"
VISIT THE RESOURCE PAMPHLET RACK
LOCATED IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE!**

Find information on: Church Documents on the Culture of Life, Pregnancy, Abortion, Post-Abortive Healing and Reconciliation, Biotechnology, End of Life Issues

God isn't a detached, distant observer to our pain; the Eternal Son became man and Himself experienced immense suffering—for you and for me. His wounds indicate the very essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God.

There are times we may doubt the value of our own lives or falter at the thought of welcoming and embracing the life of another. But reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we can see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new. He is the God of redemption.

That's powerful. That's something to hold onto. And, He is always with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we know that our identity and our mission are two sides of the same coin; like the apostles, we are called to be missionary disciples. We are not only invited to follow and take refuge in God, our stronghold, but we are also commissioned to reach out to one another, especially to the weak and vulnerable.

Building a culture of life isn't something we just do one month of the year, or with one event or initiative - it's essential to who we are. It happens through our daily actions, how we treat one another, and how we live our lives.

How do we respond when our aging parents are in failing health? Do they know how much we love them and cherish each day given? Do we ensure they know they are never a burden to us? In our own challenging times, do we ask for support? When others offer a helping hand, do we receive it? When our friend becomes pregnant in difficult circumstances, do we show compassion that tangibly supports her and helps her welcome the life of her new little one?

Sometimes, we may not be sure exactly what to do, but let's not allow the fear of doing the wrong thing or saying the wrong thing keep us from living out our missionary call. We don't need to have everything figured out all at once. Let's remember the guidance of Our Blessed Mother, the first disciple: "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

Also, I encourage you to visit www.usccb.org/respectlife to see the U.S. bishops' new Respect Life materials centered on the theme "Be Not Afraid." There are articles, bulletin inserts, prayers, action ideas, and more!

...let's walk with each other; let's help each other embrace God's gift of human life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us: "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20)

Cardinal Timothy M Dolan, Chairman
USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

ADVENT GIVING TREE PROGRAM

CHRISTMAS IN A BOX

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19

Members of the Advent Giving Tree team will be outside of church at most Masses this weekend with the Christmas in a Box Family bundles.

Please sign up and "adopt" a family to buy Christmas gifts for.

We request that you purchase 1 clothing item and something "fun" for each child in the family. Suggested wishes are included on the individual tag, along with the clothing size of the individual and age. *The tag bundles will provide instructions on how to wrap/package family gifts.*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

All Christmas in a Box gifts must be returned to the Main Church no later than 11AM.

INDIVIDUAL ORNAMENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

All individual gifts must be returned to the Main Church no later than 11AM.

If you have any questions

- ✓ About a gift request/wish,
- ✓ Are interested in helping with this very rewarding project,
- ✓ Would like to buy for a family and missed distribution days

Please contact:

Margaret Strong at (908)418-8679 • whelanmarg@gmail.com
or **Theresa Sweeney** at (908)672-3180 • sweeneyct@comcast.net

With all our thanks!

SAVE THE DATE

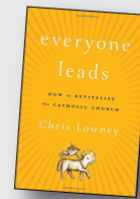
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DECEMBER 17, 2017 | 3:30 PM

Advent and Christmas Music offered by The Choir of Saint Teresa, The Choristers (children's choir) and The Spanish-language Ensemble. There will be a free-will offering to help make it a great celebration. Mark your calendars!

"Everyone Leads"

BOOK DISCUSSION
is scheduled for
**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 29**
7pm in Memorial Hall



Holy hour will only be taking place on the first Monday of the month, as of November 1, no confessions will be offered during Holy Hour.

Monday, November 6 will be the last Holy Hour until December 4.

**SANCTUARY LAMP
ROSE OF LIFE-PRAYERS FOR HEALING
Lauren Liu**

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Saint Teresa of Avila will be hosting a Christmas Pageant on Friday, December 15 at 6:00 pm. Religious education students in grades 1 through 5 are invited to participate.

Children must be able to attend the dress rehearsal on Thursday, December 14.

1-2 additional rehearsals will be organized. There will be a variety of roles including narrators, angels, wise men, shepherds, animals, and of course Mary & Joseph.

If your child would like to participate, please register at [www.SignUpGenius.com/6060BoD45AEA72EA3FC1-2017](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/)